

REMARKS

Claim 6 has been cancelled.

Applicant respectfully notes that the Examiner stated “Claims 6, 7, 8, 10 and 12 are free of prior art and may be placed in condition for allowance following resolution of the above rejections” in her Conclusion to the outstanding office action.

Claim Objections

Claims 1, 7 and 8 have been amended to correct the typographical errors objected to by the Examiner.

Claim Rejections under 35 USC §102

Claims 1, 2, 4 and 12-17 were rejected as being anticipated by Baltzer, et al.

Claim 4 has been cancelled.

Applicant has amended claim 1 to incorporate the limitation of claim 6 such that the first substance comprises “at least one first alcohol or ketone and a second alcohol or ketone.” Since Baltzer did not disclose a first alcohol or ketone and a second alcohol or ketone, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1, 2 and 12-17 are free of prior art and the rejection under §102 should be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections under 35 USC §102/103

Claims 1, 2, 4 and 13-17 were rejected under 35 USC §102(e) as anticipated by, or in the alternative, under 35 USC §103(a) as obvious over, Rogers.

Claim 4 has been cancelled.


Applicant has amended claim 1 to incorporate the limitations of claim 6 such that the first substance comprises “at least one first alcohol or ketone and a second alcohol or ketone.” Since

Rogers did not disclose a first alcohol or ketone and a second alcohol or ketone, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1, 2 and 13-17 are free of prior art and the rejection under §102 should be withdrawn. Since Rogers did not suggest a first alcohol or ketone and a second alcohol or ketone, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1, 2 and 13-17 are free of prior art and the rejection under §103 should also be withdrawn.

CONCLUSIONS

The claims of the present application are believed to be in condition for allowance, and early notice thereof is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted, .

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